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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Jeffery J. Sheldon

Serial No.: 10/092,385

Filed: March 5, 2002

For: METHODS FOR SECURING STRANDS  
OF WOVEN MEDICAL DEVICES AND  
DEVICES FORMED THEREBY

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Bradford C. Pantuck

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT MAILED MAY 28, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed May 28, 2004.

**Petition for Extension of Time**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of two months up to and including August 30, 2004 in which to respond to the Election of Species Requirement mailed May 28, 2004. If a check for the fee for this extension has been omitted, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the appropriate fee for this two-month extension of time,

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